

## CLAIMS

1. A method, comprising:  
5 associating at least one object with a data item, wherein said at least one object contains information relevant to said data item; and  
  
displaying a compacted view of said data item in a location of a display  
10 screen proximate to said at least one object, wherein a selection of said at least one object invokes a display of information relevant to said data item.
2. The method of claim 1 further comprising automatically invoking a display of information relevant to said data item in response to dragging a graphically  
15 displayed cursor across said at least one object displayed on said display screen.
3. The method of claim 1 further comprising selecting said at least one object to invoke a display of information relevant to said data item.  
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4. The method of claim 1 further comprising displaying information relevant to said data item in a form of a graphical pop-up window, which when selected by a user activates an additional graphical window comprising further information relevant to said data item.  
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5. The method of claim 4 wherein said additional graphical window comprises an interactive region for initiating at least one user transaction thereof.
- 30 6. The method of claim 1 further comprising configuring said at least one

object as a graphical iconette displayable on said display screen.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein said data item comprises a graphical image

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8. The method of claim 1 wherein displaying a compacted view of said data item in a location of a display screen proximate to said at least one object, wherein a selection of said at least one object invokes a display of information relevant to said data item, further comprises:

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displaying a compacted view of a plurality of data items in a display area of a display screen, wherein at least one data item among said plurality of data items is displayed proximate to at least one object containing information relevant to said at least one data item, wherein a selection of said at least one object invokes a display of information relevant to said at least one data item.

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9. The method of claim 1 wherein displaying a compacted view of said data item in a location of a display screen proximate to said at least one object further comprises:

20 displaying data associated with said data item as a graphical icon on said display screen; and

displaying said at least one object as an a graphical iconette embedded within a graphical frame surrounding said graphical icon, wherein said graphical iconette can be invoked by said user to display information relevant to said graphical icon.

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10. A system, comprising:

at least one object associated with a data item, wherein said at least one object contains information relevant to said data item; and

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display module for displaying a compacted view of said data item in a location of a display screen proximate to said at least one object, wherein a selection of said at least one object invokes a display of information relevant to said data item.

12. The system of claim 11 further wherein said display module invokes a display of information relevant to said data item in response to dragging a graphically displayed cursor across said at least one object displayed on said display screen.

13. The system of claim 11 further comprising selection module for selecting said at least one object to invoke a display of information relevant to said data item.

14. The system of claim 11 wherein said display module displays information relevant to said data item in a form of a graphical pop-up window, which when selected by a user activates an additional graphical window comprising further information relevant to said data item.

15. The system of claim 14 wherein said additional graphical window comprises an interactive region for initiating at least one user transaction thereof.

16. The system of claim 11 wherein said at least one object is configured as a graphical iconette displayable on said display screen.

17. The system of claim 11 wherein said data item comprises a graphical image

18. The system of claim 11 wherein said display module displays a compacted view of a plurality of data items in a display area of a display screen, wherein at least one data item among said plurality of data items is displayed proximate to at least one object containing information relevant to said at least  
5 one data item, wherein a selection of said at least one object invokes a display of information relevant to said at least one data item.

19. The system of claim 11 wherein said display module displays data associated with said data item as a graphical icon on said display screen.  
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20. A system, comprising:

at least one iconette associated with a data item, wherein said at least one iconette contains information relevant to said data item; and  
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a display module for displaying a compacted view of said data item in a location of a display screen proximate to said at least one iconette, wherein a selection of said at least one iconette invokes a display of information relevant to said data item and wherein said display module displays data associated with  
20 said data item as a graphical icon on said display screen